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Americans Declare Craft Fired First Torpedo, Submerg-
ed, Reappeared, Fired Second Missile and Then Trailed
Flotilia In Which Men Escaped-Visible Longer Than
Half Hour-Six United States Citizens Given Up as
Lost Include Two Carolinians-Frost Getting Affida-
vits-Matter Serious Enough to Warrant Cabling the
Summaries-Depositions of Officers Also Being Taken

Washington, Nov. 2.-Reopening of the entire armed merchantmen controversy between the United States and Germany is certain if it is proved that the British steamsupposed German submarine, statements by Secretary Lansing indicated today. Whether merchantmen have a his government and Germany, Mr. Lansing admitted. This will be the principal question in the event of negotiations with Germany, who would be expected to maintain that armed merchantmen were not included in her submarine pledges to the United States, following the Lusitania incident. The question has been unsettled since the Lusitania negotiations, since that vessel was shown to be unarmed. Secretary Lansing stated that the of merchantmen to arm is still
London, Nov. 2.-The submarine that sunk the Brit ish steamer Marina with the probable loss of six Ameri-
cans, followed the ship's boats for half an hour after the Marina sank, but offered no assistance, American survivors today reported.
A. Hevlin of Norfolk, and P. S. Hamlin of Baltimore, among
story.
The submarine submerged when it fired its first tor pedo, they said, but came to the surface after seeirg that the vessel remained afloat, and shot another torpedo int the port side.
Queenstown dispatches report the missing now ar,an-
loned as lost. Consul Frost will cable summaries of the doned as lost. Consul Frost will cable summaries of the
affidavits of American survivors, also depositions of the surviving officers, today.
Two North Carolinians, Sedbury of Fayetteville and Brown, of Raird, of Charlotte, are among the missing
SAYS 'CANNOT REPEAL
A SURRENDER' IS JUST REPUBLLCAN NONSENSE

## KHNSTON ASKED TO GIVE FREELY; THE REASONS





[^0] Before Verdun and Failure of Expensive Great Offensive There-Garrison Could Not Stand Before Baptism of Fire Allies Had Poured Upon Works for Many Days-Did All They Could to Make It Untenable Before Leaving-Von Falkenhayn Has to Be Reinforc-ed-Allies Holding Own at Least Temporarily In Near East-Violent Attacks Continue
Berlin, Nov. 2.-Fort Vaux, on the northeast front at rdun, has been evacuated by the Germans, it is off1Hy announced. "The artillery engagement on the east the Meuse increased to great intensity. The rected an especially destructive fire against aux, which already had been evacuated by our ring the night following orders. Important statement.
last of the Verdun forts remaining possession of the Germans, Fort Douaumont having dispatches Saturday reported that Vaux was surnditions In Near East More Favorable to Allies. Petrograd, Nov. 2.-Field Marshal Von Mackensen shortage of men, to protect his long line along the $t$ his long line along the
declare Von Mackensen forces to reinforce Von been forced to deplete his own forces to reinforce Von
 Practically evervwhere on the Transylvania front, expt south of the Red Tower Pass, the Roumanians are aintaining their own. The Teutons have been checked attacks in the Alt Valley, where the loss of two HISTAS MURDRR HISHES PUTTING N Min RRM MAM WURN LST MUARTER WTH


Albany, Where He Won His Spurs, On Thurstay Night-G. O. P. Man Still Confident and Is In Good Condition, Stated

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[^0]:    Berlin Admits Evacuation of Last Important Position

